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a first and second lateral transverse dimension on opposing sides of said center transverse dimension;

said center transverse dimension greater than all other transverse dimensions of said support device;

a center longitudinal dimension having a center longitudinal axis therethrough which is orthogonal to said center transverse axis and bisects said center transverse dimension;

a first and second lateral longitudinal dimension on opposing sides of said center longitudinal dimension,

said center transverse dimension greater than said first and second lateral transverse dimension;

said center longitudinal dimension greater than said first and second lateral longitudinal dimensions;

said surface layer including an apex aligned with said center longitudinal axis;

said surface layer on opposing sides of said center transverse axis being mirror images of one another.

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(Four times amended) A support device sized and configured for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage of a horse, the support device comprising:

a support layer; and

a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:

a first axis which bisects said surface layer along a transverse dimension;

a second axis which bisects said surface layer along a longitudinal dimension;

a middle region located proximate said second axis having a major longitudinal dimension, said major longitudinal dimension being located between reduced longitudinal dimensions;

said surface layer being bilaterally symmetrical across both of said first and second axes;

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said transverse dimension of said surface layer along said first axis being 10-17 cm;

said major longitudinal dimension of said surface layer along said second axis being 5-18 cm;

said reduced longitudinal dimensions being less than said major longitudinal dimension.

17. (Three times amended) A support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage of a horse, said device comprising:
a first side piece for applying over said first nasal passage;
a second side piece for applying over said second nasal passage; and
a bridge piece comprising a strip, the strip including a first lateral region and a second lateral region for attaching and detaching said first lateral region to said first side piece and said second lateral region to said second side piece, the first lateral region engaging the first side piece at a plurality of spaced-apart first detachable contact locations, and the second lateral region engaging the second side piece at a plurality of spaced-apart second detachable contact locations.

Please add new claims 24-37.

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--24. (New) A nasal support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:
(a) an adhesive layer for securing the support device to the tissues;
(b) a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:
(i) a center longitudinal dimension having a center longitudinal axis therethrough;
(ii) a first transverse dimension having a first transverse axis that is orthogonal to said center longitudinal axis and bisects said first longitudinal axis;
(iii) a first side and a second side positioned on opposite sides of the first transverse axis;

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- (iv) a first protrusion disposed at the center longitudinal axis that projects outwardly from the first side in a direction generally along the center longitudinal axis; and
- (c) one or more support structures having lengths that extend along the transverse dimension of said surface layer.

SUB AL 25. (New) The nasal support device of claim 24, wherein the center longitudinal dimension is greater than any other longitudinal dimension of the surface layer.

26. (New) The nasal support device of claim 24, wherein said surface layer further includes a second protrusion disposed at the center longitudinal axis that projects outwardly from the second side in a direction generally along the center longitudinal axis.

SUB 83 27. (New) The nasal support device of claim 24, wherein the protrusion comprises an apex.

28. (New) The nasal support device of claim 24, wherein the protrusion is symmetrically disposed along the center longitudinal axis.

SUB EJ 29. (New) A nasal support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:

- (a) an adhesive layer for securing the support device to the tissues;
- (b) a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:
- (i) a center longitudinal axis;
 - (ii) a first transverse dimension having a first transverse axis that is orthogonal to said center longitudinal axis and bisects said first longitudinal axis;
 - (iii) a first side and a second side positioned on opposite sides of the first transverse axis;
 - (iv) a centering structure disposed at the longitudinal axis for use in centering the center longitudinal axis of said nasal support device between the first and second nasal passages;

- (v) said surface layer having a major longitudinal dimension at the center structure and reduced longitudinal dimensions positioned on opposite sides of the centering structure; and
- (c) one or more support structures having lengths that extend along the traverse dimension of said surface layer.

Sub A 30. (New) The nasal support device of claim 29, wherein the major longitudinal dimension is greater than the reduced longitudinal dimensions of the surface layer.

Sub Y5 31. (New) The nasal support device of claim 29, wherein:

(a) the centering structure is symmetrically disposed along the center longitudinal axis.

32. (New) The nasal support device of claim 29, wherein:

(a) the centering structure comprises an apex.

33. (New) The nasal support device of claim 29, wherein:

(a) the centering structure comprises a protrusion.

SUB B 34. (New) A nasal support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:

(a) an adhesive layer for securing the support device to the tissues;

(b) a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:

(i) a center longitudinal dimension having a center longitudinal axis therethrough;

(ii) a first transverse dimension having a first transverse axis that is orthogonal to said center longitudinal axis and bisects said first longitudinal axis;

(iii) a first side and a second side positioned on opposite sides of the first transverse axis;

(iv) a means for centering the center longitudinal axis of said nasal support device between the first and second nasal passages; and

(c) one or more support structures having lengths that extend along the traverse dimension of said surface layer.

35. (New) The nasal support device of claim 34, wherein the means for centering the center longitudinal axis of said nasal support device comprises a protrusion.

36. (New) The nasal support device of claim 34, wherein the means for centering the center longitudinal axis of said nasal support device comprises an apex.

37. (New) A nasal support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:

- (a) an adhesive layer for securing the support device to the tissues;
- (b) a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:
 - (i) a center longitudinal dimension having a center longitudinal axis therethrough;
 - (ii) a first transverse dimension having a first transverse axis that is orthogonal to said center longitudinal axis and bisects said first longitudinal axis;
 - (iii) a first side and a second side positioned on opposite sides of the first transverse axis;
 - (iv) an apex disposed at the longitudinal axis; and
- (c) one or more support structures having lengths that extend along the traverse dimension of said surface layer. --